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TO : SAC (157-1168)

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

DATE: 1/9/69

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION  
MEMPHIS DIVISION

Information set forth hereinafter was orally furnished to Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Bureau, Memphis PD, on 12/24/68.

On 12/24/68 ME 338-R orally advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

- 1 - 157-1168
- 1 - 170-70-Sub, ME 338-R
- 1 - 157-556, POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS
- 1 - 157-1067, BOP
- 1 - 100-4528, CHARLES L. CABBAGE
- 1 - 157-1070, EDWIN HARRELL
- 1 - 157-1258, LANCE "WILLIE WINE" WATSON
- ① - 157-166, SCLC
- 1 - 157-1535, RANDLE CATRON
- 1 - 157-1662, CORNELIA CRENSHAW
- 1 - 157-1638, O. W. PICKETT
- 1 - 157-1277, EMMETT HOUSE
- 1 - 157-1435, THE LIBERATOR
- 1 - 100-662, NAACP
- 1 - 157- ROBERT "CORNBREAD" WILSON
- 1 - 157- WILLIAM DOUG RUBIN
- 1 - 66-1687-Sub, Dissemination

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INFO RE EMMETT HOUSE

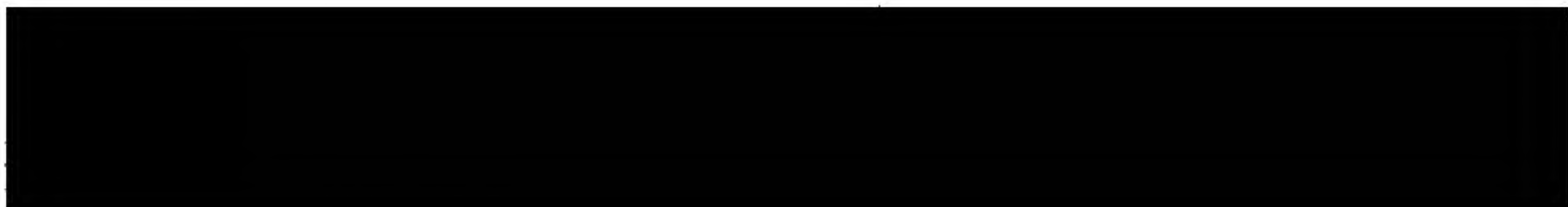
EMMETT HOUSE claims he has recently been to Chicago, Ill., where his mother allegedly lives, to raise money to keep his bond in effect. HOUSE is downhearted in that so many of the Invaders have recently been arrested.

INFO RE CHARLES L. CABBAGE

On 12/22/68 JIM LAMBERT, an employee at Memphis Municipal Airport, claimed he has seen CHARLES L. CABBAGE fly in and out of Memphis several times in recent weeks. He claimed that a few nights ago, he saw CABBAGE fly out of Memphis enroute to Atlanta, Ga.

LANCE WATSON OUT OF JAIL

LANCE "SWEET WILLIE" WATSON, Chairman of the Invaders, recently jailed for carrying a pistol, was released from jail on bond on 12/23/68, claimed that COME and its leader, EZEKIEL BELL, are going to rent the Invaders a store front building at or near 251 Vance Ave.



INFO RE THE LIBERATOR

ME 338-R reiterated that in all probability The Liberator, anonymous hate sheet basically attacking city administration and its supporters, is edited by white minister Rev. BAYSINGER. Informant will try to get photographs of BAYSINGER, who is undoubtedly aided by O. W. PICKETT and CORNELIA CRENSHAW.

A Rev. (FNU) BYRD or BUIRD, a young Negro part-time preacher who works at Kimberly-Clark Paper Co. and who has a public relations office at or near upstairs at 362 or 382 Beale, has in the past distributed multiple copies of The Liberator. His office is across from First Baptist Church, Beale. He is connected with the Unity League (headed by Negro O. Z. EVERS, political crony of former mayor WILLIAM B. INGRAM). He lives on Cummings St. in a big white house which served as campaign headquarters for ALVIN KING, who defeated RUSSELL B. SUGARMON JR. in the Democratic Primary for a Tennessee House of Representatives seat. KING was backed by CRENSHAW, PICKETT and

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INGRAM forces. Another close supporter and crony of this group is T. J. MARZETTE of the Mammoth Insurance Co.

INFO RE CORNELIA CRENSHAW

CORNELIA CRENSHAW, Negro female, is well educated and very articulate. For years, she was manager of Dixie Homes, a Memphis Housing Authority project and is a bitter political and personal enemy of A. W. WILLIS JR. She is not married and lives with her mother on the south side of Vance.

ME 338-R feels that CRENSHAW and BAYSINGER are the two who would have the intelligence to write the way The Liberator was written.

ME 338-R advised that CRENSHAW works for the Top Value Stamp Co. (trading stamps). She promotes civic and church programs for Top Value.

INFO RE JOE PURDY AND BLACK KNIGHTS

Pursuant to information recently furnished by [redacted] that JOE PURDY has joined the Black Nights, ME 338-R said that PURDY, a graduate of Memphis State University, [redacted] and comes from a barbering family. He would be well acquainted with WARREN LEWIS, barber and head of the BKs. PURDY used to do public relations for Pepsi-Cola. [redacted] He has a wife and at least two children.

INFO RE ALLEN BLACK, NAACP LEGAL AIDE OFFICE AND JOHN R. ARNOLD

ME 338-R said that ALLEN BLACK has an office at about 222 Danny Thomas Blvd., the same building which houses John R. Arnold and Associates, public relations firm. BLACK may be a native of Africa. He worked for some time for the NAACP in Mississippi prior to coming to Memphis a year or so ago. BLACK is enigmatic and has recently spent a lot of time with CHARLES L. CABBAGE, LANCE "WILLIE WINE" WATSON and other Invaders.

CABBAGE made BLACK's acquaintance through O. W. PICKETT and also got a contribution from JOHN R. ARNOLD.

JOHN R. ARNOLD also admitted to ME 338-R giving EMMETT HOUSE of the Invaders a check for \$10. Later 338 saw HOUSE cash ARNOLD's \$10 check, which was dated 12/23/68, numbered 1125, and

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drawn on the account of John R. Arnold and Associates, on the Tri-State Bank of Memphis.

338 feels that ARNOLD merely gives them money to "keep them off his back" and not because of any sympathy with them, whereas BLACK may well be in sympathy with them.

INFO RE ALVIN KING

ALVIN KING lives on Barksdale and sells insurance and real estate. He works for Jones and Associates. He works a lot out of O. W. PICKETT's real estate office.

INFO RE ROBERT "CORNBREAD" WILSON, POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN CRIME

On 12/23/68 338 saw ROBERT "CORNBREAD" WILSON, an Invader. He said WILSON lives at 139 W. Fields. He had a fairly fresh wound over one of his eyes. The skin was not completely broken but disclosed blood clots.

CITY MOBILIZERS, AFFILIATE OF SCLC, OWE BIG PHONE BILL

The City Mobilizers, affiliate of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), ostensibly headed by such people as WILLIAM "DOUG" RKBIN and RANDLE CATRON, have been using a part of O. W. PICKETT's office on Danny Thomas Blvd. at Beale, southwest corner, as headquarters. They have run up about a \$500 phone bill which they refuse to pay and which PICKETT refuses to pay.

CATRON [REDACTED]. His wife teaches, and he dresses expensively. He is very dapper and ostensibly sells real estate. He is working out of the office of SAM JOHNSON, a Negro contractor, with offices in the AME Minimum Salary building

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